

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
7:30 P.M.

11-O-01

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,
Amending Chapter 184 “Vehicles And Traffic”, Article II “Parking Regulations” By
Repealing And Reenacting §184-8, “Permits Required For Certain Vehicles” To Allow
Certain Commercial Vehicles To Park On City Streets And Make Conforming Changes.**

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Cook, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Brian Burrell, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. Bob Ryan gave an overview. This ordinance amends Chapter 184 in order to bring requirements for on-street parking more in line with requirements for off-street parking. Council had adopted an ordinance last fall (10-O-09) that also amended this Chapter, but subsequently decided to make certain requirements more lenient. Therefore, this ordinance will allow commercial lettering larger than 4 inches in height and will allow dual rear wheels.

Mr. Ryan reviewed what this Chapter still prohibits: Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. it is unlawful to park any recreational vehicle, boat, trailer, or special mobile equipment in a residential zone. The City Manager can give 24- hour permission and the Council can provide longer permission. It is unlawful at any time on any public street in a residential zone, and between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on any other public street, to park a vehicle exceeding 21 feet in length or 6 feet in width that is used for commercial purposes, any vehicle exceeding the Manufacturer’s GVW of 8,500 lbs., exceeding 300 cubic feet of load space, a stake platform truck, dump truck, crane or tow truck. Commercial vehicles can park when loading or unloading in the course of a commercial service. Permission to park a prohibited vehicle can be granted for 24 hours by the City Manager or for longer periods by the City Council. So the original restriction adopted last fall would be changed by this amendment to allow commercial lettering larger than 4 inches in height or a vehicle with dual rear wheels.

Councilmember Perry asked if a vehicle with a permitted exception would receive a sticker to place on their vehicle. Mr. Ryan said no, the Parking Enforcement Officers would receive a written notice.

Mr. Ryan clarified that it is their practice that once an application is submitted, they would hold enforcement in abeyance until a decision had been rendered.

Comments from the audience: None.

There being no testimony, Mayor Fellows closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC City Clerk	Date Approved
-------------------------------------	---------------